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SUBJECT: INCREASE IN MILITARY ACTIVITY IN QUANG TRI AND
THUA THIEN PROVINCES.

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SUMMARY: ACCORDING TO PRELIMINARY REPORTS FROM I CORPS
HEADQUARTERS, NVA/VC MILITARY ACITIVITY INCREASED SHARPLY

IN QUANG TRI AND THUA THIEN PROVINCES ON SATURDAY, MARCH 8.
IN QUANG TRI, ABF'S AND GROUND ATTACKS WERE REPORTED AGAIST

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RF UNITS NEAR HILL 300 AND DONG ONG DO IN HAI LANG DISTRICT;

SAPPERS ALSO REPORTEDLY PENETRATED INTO MAI LANH SUBSECTOR HEADQUARTERS AND KILLED THE DISTRICT CHIEF. IN THUA THIEN PROVINCE, UNITS OF THE 1ST ARVN DIVISION WERE ATTACKED NEAR MO TAU MOUNTAIN AND BONG MOUNTAIN IN NAM HOA DISTRICT; CONTACT WITH ELEMENTS OF TWO BATTALIONS AND THE RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY OF THE 1ST REGIMENT/1ST DIVISION WAS LOST AND HAD NOT BEEN REESTABLISHED BY THE MORNING OF MARCH 9. IN NORTHERN THUA THIEN PROVINCE, SEVERAL ABF'S AND GROUND CONTACTS WERE REPORTED BY DIFFERENT ELEMENTS OF THE MARINE DIVISION, AND CONTACT WAS LOST WITH ONE COMPANY OF AN RF BATTALION WHICH REPORTED FOUR NVA TANKS BEING USED IN THE ATTACK. INFORMATION ON THE RESULTS OF THE FIGHTING IN THE TWO PROVINCES IS STILL I COMPLETE. END SUMMARY

2. ON MARCH 9, I CORPS HEADQUARTERS REPORTED THE FOLLOWING MILITARY ACTIVITY IN QUANG TRI AND THUA THIEN PROVINCES:

QUANG TRI:

A. AT 0630 HRS, MARCH 8, THE 110TH RF BATTALION RECIVED 10 RDS OF 82MM MORTAR AT YD 335385, 4.5 KM NORTH OF HILL 300 IN HAI LANG (D), QUANG TRI (P). RESULTS: NEGATIVE.

B. AT 0345 HRS, MARCH 8, THE 4TH COMPANY OF THE 121ST RF BATTALION RECEIVED A GROUND ATTACK AT YD 296449, 5 KM NORTH OF DONG ONG DO, HAI LANG (D), QUANG TRI (P). RESULTS: GVN 1 WIA; NVA/VC UNKNOWN.

C. AT 2220 HRS, MARCH 8, THE 1ST CO, 110TH RF BN RECEIVED TWO GROUND ATTACKS AT YD 318376, 4 KM NW OF HILL 300 IN HAI LANG (D), QUANG TRI (P). RESULTS: GVN 3 KIA, 4 WIA; NVA/VC 13 KIA, 1 CAPTURED (UNIT UNKNOWN), 1 MACHINE GUN AND 6 AK'S CAPTURED.

D. AT 0620 HRS, MARCH 8, HAI NHI SUB-SUB SECTOR SAW APPROXIMATELY 1 NVAAXVC COMPANY AT YD 465420, 455437, AND 470425, IN HAI LANG DISTRICT, QUANG TRI (P), AND CALLED IN ARTILLERY FIRE. RESULTS UNKNOWN.

E. AT 0835 HRS, MARCH 8, NVA/VC SHELLED 10 RDS OF 61 MM MORTAR INTO HAI NHI SUB-SUBSECTOR AT YD 474423 IN HAI LANG (D), QUANG TRI (P). RESULTS NEGATIVE.

F. AT 0125 HRS, MARCH 9, TWO PF PLATOONS LOCATED AT YE400566 AND 365551, 2.5 KM NE AND NW OF TRIEU PHONG (D), QUANG TRI (P), RECEIVED 5 RDS OF B-40 FIRE. RESULTS: GVN CONFIDENTIAL

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1 KIA AND 4 WIA.

G. AT 1050 HRS, MARCH 8, AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF NVA/VC SAPPERS ENTERED MAI LINH SUBSECTOR AT YD 355497, QUANG TRI (P). INITIAL RESULTS: SUBSECTOR (DISTRICT) CHIEF KILLED.

NORTHERN THUA THIEN PROVINCE:

H. AT 0005 HRS, MARCH 8, THE 4TH MARINE BN AND AN ELEMENT OF THE 17TH ARMORED CAVALRY SQUADRON HAD A CONTACT AT YD 562285,

1.5. KM WEST OF TU TUONG BASE IN PHONG DIEN (D), THUA THIEN (P). RESULTS: GVN 8 WIA; NVA/VC 3 KIA.

I. AT 0600 HRS, MARCH 8, THE 3RD MARINE BN HAD A IONTACT AT YD597227, 3.5 KM NORTH OF GIO MT. IN NAM HOA (D), THUA THIEN (P). RESULTS: GVN NEGATIVE; NVA/VC 7KIA, 2 AK WITH MAGAZINES AND FOUR BANGALORES CAPTURED.

J. FROM 1730-2050 HRS, MARCH 8, THE 3 RD MARINE BN RECEIVED A GROUND ATTACK AND AN ABF OF 90 ROUNDS MIXED TYPES AT YD 597233 AND YD 593221, 4 KM NORTH OF GIO MT. IN NAM HOA (D), THUA THIEN (P). RESULTS UNKNOWN.

K. AT 1730 HRS, MARCH 8, THE 2ND CO, 5TH MARINE BATTALION RECEIVED A GROUND ATTACK AT YD 598264, 2.5 KM NE OF TU TUONG BASE IN PHONG DIEN (D), THUA THIEN (P). RESULTS UNKNOWN.

L. AT 2050 HRS, MARCH 8, THE 7TH MARINE BN RECEIVED 8 RDS OF 61 MM MORTAR AT YD 471288, 2.5 KM WEST OF LUU HOA BASE IN PHONG DIEN (D), THUA THIEN (P). RESULTS: GVN 1 WIA.

M. AT WWETT HRS, MARCH 8, THE 2ND MARINE BATTALION RECEIVED 9 RDS OF 122 MM ROCKET AT YD 488402, 1 KM NORTH OF MY CHANH AREA IN NAM HOA (D), THUA THIEN (P). RESULTS NEGATIVE.

N. FROM 1730 TO 1800 HRS, MARCH 8, NVA/VC SUPPORTED BY 4 TANKS ATTACKEE AND SHELLED 3RD AND 4TH COMPANIES OF 130TH RF BATTALION AT YD 549281 AND YD 550267, 3 KM WEST OF TU TUONG BASE, PHONG DIEN (D), THUA THIEN (P). AT 1845 CONTACT WITH THE 4TH COMPANY WAS LOST. RESULTS UNKNOWN.

O. AT 1730 HRS, MARCH 8, THE LIGHT COMMAND POST OF THE 112TH RF BN RECEIVED 5 RDS, BELIEVED TO BE 130 MM ARTILLERY, AT YD 495285, 300 METERS SW OF LUU HOA BASE, PHONG DIEN (D), THUA THIEN (P). RESULTS UNKNOWN.

P. AT 1800 HRS, MARCH 8, THE CP OF THE 112TH RF BN AND THE 20TH TANK SQUADRON RECEIVED 54 RDS, BELIEVED TO BE 130 MM ARTILLERY, AT YD 537377, TU CUONG BASE, PHONG DIENT (D), THUA THIEN (P).
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RESULTS NEGATIVE.

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R. AT 1800 HRS, MARCH 8, THE 1ST, 3RD AND 4TH COMPANIES OF
THE 127TH RF BATTALION RECEIVED A 65 RD ABF OF MIXED 61 MM
AND 82 MM MORTAR, AND 57MM RIFLE FIRE AT YD
419296, YD 451291, AND YD 434286, 8 KM WEST OF LUU HOA BASE,
PHONG DIEN DISTRICT, THUA THIEN (P). RESULTS NEGATIVE.

SOUTHERN THUA THIEN PROVINCE

S. FROM 0645 TO 1030 HRS, MARCH 8, THE CP OF THE 54TH
REGIMENT (1ST ARVN DIVISION) RECEIVED 28 RDS OF
100 MM ARTILLERY FIRE AT YD 874144, 5 KM SE OF HUONG THUY (D),
THUA THIEN (P). SIX OF THESE ROUNDS HIT IN THE AREA OF PHU
BAI AIRBASE; NO DAMAGE OR CASUALTIES WERE REPORTED.

T. AT 0700 HRS, MARCH 8, NVA/VC ATTACKED THE 2ND COMPANY
OF THE 2ND BATTALION, 54TH REGIMENT AT YD 874016, 4KM
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SE OF MO TAU MOUNTAIN, NAM HOA DISTRICT, THUA THIEN (P).
AT 0805 HRS THE ARVN TROOPS WITHDREW FROM THEIR POSITION.
AT 0905 HRS, THE LIGHT COMMAND POST AND THE 2ND CO, 2ND
BN, 54TH REGIMENT REOCCUPIED THE POSITION. RESULTS: GVN
5 WIA AND 3 M-16 RIFLES DAMAGED; NVA/VC 22 KIA, 1 61MM
MORTAR, 1 RPD LIGHT MACHINE GUN, 2 B-40, AND 4 AK CAPTURED.
U. A SECOND TOC LOG ENTRY HAS POSITIONS OF THE 2ND CO/2ND BN/54TH
REGIMENT AT YD 868019 BEING RECAPTURED BY THE 3RD COMPANY/2ND BATTALION-

LION/54TH REGIMENT AT 1505 HRS: RESULTS: GVN 9 KIA, 18 WIA, 2 MIA, 2 M-16 LOST AND 7 OTHERS DAMAGED; NVA/VC LOSSES WERE 39 KIA, 1 82 MM MORTAR, 1 RPD LIGHT MACHINE GUN, 1 B-40, 8 AK RIFLES. 2 SKS AND 3 M-16 CAPTURED.

V. AT 1600 HRS, MARCH 8, THE CP OF THE 54TH INFANTRY REGIMENT LOCATED AT YD 874144, 5 KM SE OF HUONG THUY (D), THUA THIEN (P), RECEIVED 3 RDS OF 100I. -458))ERY FIRE. RESULTS UNKNOWN.

W. AT 1815 HRS, MARCH 8, THE CP OF THE 51ST INFANTRY REGIMENT AT AN DO BASE, YD 658202 IN NAM HOA (D), THUA THIEN (P), RECEIVED AN ABF OF THREE UNKNOWN ROUNDS. RESULTS NEGATIVE.

X. AT 1150 HRS, MAR 8, NVA/VC SHELLED 8 RDS OF 100 MM ARTILLERY INTO DA LE BASE, YD 802152 IN NAM HOA (D), THUA THIEN (P). RESULTS GVN 1 WIA.

Y. FROM 0845 TO 1245 HOURS, MARCH 8, THE COMMAND POST OF THE 1ST INFANTRY REGIMENT/1ST ARVN DIVISION AT LUONG DIEN BASE YD 988029, PHU LOC (D), THUA THIEN (P), RECEIVED 16 RDS OF 122 MM ROCKET. RESULTS NEGATIVE.

Z. AT 0645 HRS, MARCH 8, THE 1ST RECON COMPANY RECEIVED A GROUND ATTACK AT YD 898022, 3 KM WEST OF BONG MT. IN NAM HOA (D), THUA THIEN (P). AT 0935 HRS CONTACT WAS LOST WITEQ THE UNIT.

AA. AT 0645 HRS, MARCH 8, NVA/VC ATTACKED THE 4TH COMPANY, 1ST BATTALION, 1ST REGIMENT AT YD 904021, 2.5 KM SW OF BONG MT., NAM HOA (D), THUA THIEN (P). AT 0910 HRS, MARCH 8, CONTACT WAS LOST WITH THE UNIT.

BB. AT 0645 HRS, MARCH 8, THE COMMAND POST OF THE 1ST BATTALION 1ST REGIMENT RECEIVED GROUND ATTACKS AND ABF AT YD 929012, 2KM SE OF BONG MT., NAM HOA (D), THUA THIEN (P). RESULTS UNKNOWN.

CC. FROM 1420 HRS, MARCH 7 TO 1000 HRS, MARCH 8, 1ST AND 3RD COMPANIES, 1ST BATTALION, 1ST REGIMENT, AND THE 1ST COMPANY, 7TH ARMORED CAVALRY SQUADRON SEARCHED THE AREAS OF YD 914003 AND 925028 500 METERS NORTH OF BONG MT., NAM HOA (D), THUA THIEN (P). RESULTS: GVN 2 WIA; NVA/VC CONFIDENTIAL

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3 KIA, 4 CAPTURED (UNIT UNKNOWN) 1 B-40, 1 B-41, 1 AK, 500 RDS 75 MM RR AMMO, 200 RDS 122 ROCKETS, 100 RDS 61 MM MORTAR, AND 2,000 AK CARTRIDGES CAPTURED.

DD. AT 0645 HRS, MARCH 8, THE 3RD BATTALION, 1ST REGIMENT RECEIVED GROUND ATTACKS AT YD 935010, YD 933010, AND YD 930990, 2 KM SE OF BONG MT., NAM HOA DISTRICT, THUA THIEN PROVINCE. AT 0930 HRS, CONTACT WITH THIS UNIT WAS LOST.

EE. AT 1435 HRS, MARCH 8, THE 4TH COMPANY, 2ND BATTALION, 1ST REGIMENT, HAD A CONTACT AT YD 945024, 2.5 KM EAST OF DFO MT., NAM HOA (D), THUA THIEN (P). RESULTS UNKNOWN.

FF. F SA1725-1740 HOURS, MARCH 8, NVA/VC

SHELLED 9 ROUNDS OF UNKNOWN TYPE INTO A POPULATED AREA AT YD 932090, PHU LOC (D), THUA THIEN (D), WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

GG. AT 1915 HRS, MARCH 8, THE LONG RANGE RECON TEAM OF THE

3RD BATTALION, 1ST REGPNENT, HAD A CONTACT AT YD 937013, 2KM SE OF BONG MT., NAM HOA (D), THUA THIEN (P). RESULTS: GVN 1 WIA; NVA/VC 3 KIA AND 2 AK CAPTURED.

HH. AT 2215 HRS, MAR 8, A RECON TEAM OF THUA THIEN SECTOR HAD A CONTACT AT ZD 179011, 8 KM EAST OF PHU LOC (D), THUA THIEN (P). RESULTS: GVN NEGATIVE; NVA/VC 1 KIA AND 1 AK CAPTURED.

II. AT 1800 HRS, MARCH 8, NVA/VC SHELLED A SINGLE ROUND OF UNKNOWN ARTILLERY INTO THE DONG HA RESETTLEMENT CAMP AT YD 850310 IN PHONG DIEN (D), THUA THIEN (P). RESULTS: 1 PF SOLDIER WIA.

JJ. AT 1845 HRS, MARCH 8, TWO 2 1/2 TON TRUCKS OF THE COMMAND COMPANY OF THE 61ST RANGER BATTALION WERE AMBUSHED BY NVA/VC AT YD 902030, 2.5 KM WEST OF BONG MT., NAM HOA (D), THUA THIEN (P). INITIAL RESULTS: GVN 27 MIA, 27 M-16, 1 81 MM MORTAR, AND 1 57 MM RECOILLESS RIFLE LOST.

3. THE FOLLOWING TROOP MOVEMENTS WERE REPORTED BY I CORPS:

A. THE 60TH RANGER BATTALION WAS DEPLOYED TO AN AREA IN THE VICINITY OF THE AN LO BRIDGE IN THUA THIEN (P).

B. THE 61ST AND 94TH RANGER BATTALIONS WERE DEPLOYED TO AN AREA SE OF BONG MT., PHU LOC (D), THUA THIEN (P).

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